

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

We ASPIRE that through the love of Jesus everyone
should "have life and have it to the full."



Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2026



Loving God,

Thank You for the gift of learning and the joy of reading. Help us to take time each day to listen, to learn, and to grow.

Open our hearts during this season of Lent so we can be kind, patient, and thoughtful.

Guide us to make good choices and to share what we learn with others.
Amen.



Message from Headteacher

As we continue through this half term and our Lenten journey, we are encouraging our children to grow in kindness, reflection, and a love of learning.

One of the most important things you can do at home is to support your child with daily reading. Even just 10-15 minutes each day makes a huge difference.

Reading regularly helps children to build confidence, develop vocabulary, improve writing, and grow their imagination. It also creates valuable time to talk, share ideas, and enjoy stories together.

Please continue to encourage your child to read, read, read—it is one of the greatest gifts we can give them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Aga Przybylska

Boxing Sessions – Years 2 to 6



Children in Years 2 to 6 took part in exciting Boxing and Fitness sessions, organised by PSO Hayley.

Two coaches from the South Wye Police Boxing Academy spent the day in school, leading energetic and engaging sessions for each class. The children developed their fitness, coordination, confidence, and teamwork, all while having lots of fun.

Each class enjoyed a session in the hall, and it was fantastic to see such enthusiasm, focus, and positive participation from all involved.

A big thank you to PSO Hayley for providing such a valuable and enjoyable experience for our pupils!

Year 5 & Year 6 Trip to London

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable trip to London, packed with learning and exciting experiences.

Although it was a very early start—with children arriving before 5am and returning around 10pm—the day was absolutely worth it.

The children showed great enthusiasm, resilience, and excellent behaviour throughout. A highlight of the trip was visiting the Houses of Parliament, where pupils had the incredible opportunity to learn more about the UK's democratic system. They observed a live session in the House of Commons and even saw members of the House of Lords, bringing their learning to life in a truly memorable way.

The day also included a visit to the Sea Life Centre, as well as time to enjoy some of London's famous landmarks, making it both educational and fun.

A huge thank you to the parents who accompanied us and supported the trip—your help made the day run so smoothly.

It was a long day, but a fantastic experience that the children will remember for years to come!



Our Lady's Book Club

Our Lady's Book Club meets every Monday lunchtime, and it has been a wonderful opportunity for children to share their love of reading.

This half term, children have enjoyed:

- Discussing their favourite books
- Reading a selection of Catherine Barr's books and creating animal drawings inspired by the illustrations
- Exploring books shortlisted for the School Library Association Information Book Award, and voting for their favourite - Choose Your Own Evolution
- Designing posters for our new book swap and lending library



Book Swap and Lending Library

We are excited to introduce Our Lady's Book Swap and Lending Library! Children can bring in books from home that they no longer read, place them in the suitcase, and swap them for a new book to enjoy. Once finished, the book can be returned so another child can read it. We hope this will encourage a love of reading at home and create opportunities for children to share and recommend books to one another.



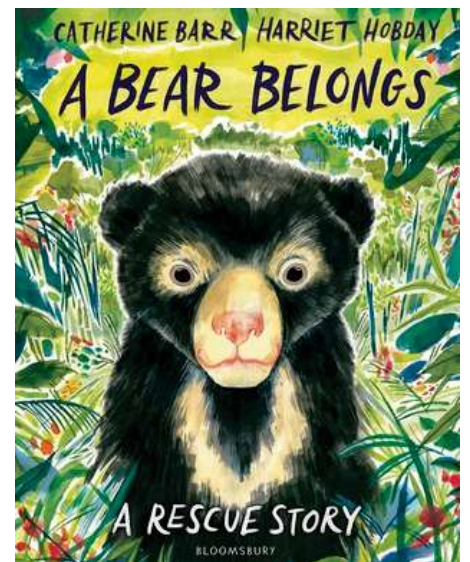
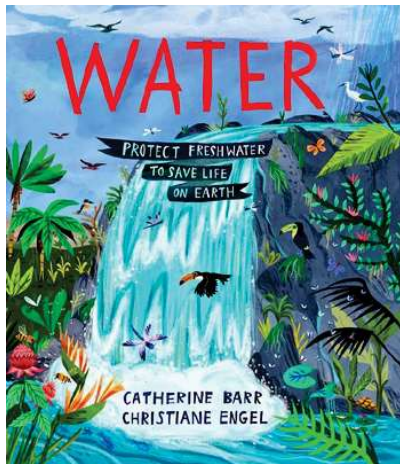
Author Visit – Catherine Barr

We were delighted to welcome Catherine Barr to our school, who worked with children across all year groups.

Catherine shared her wonderful books and inspired the children with her passion for writing, nature, and storytelling. The children also enjoyed taking part in creative activities, including writing and drawing their own ideas, which brought their learning to life.

It was fascinating to discover just how much time and effort goes into creating a single book, something many of us had not fully realised before. The sessions also helped children to better understand and appreciate non-fiction books and how they are created.

The children were engaged, curious, and inspired throughout the day. A big thank you to Catherine for such an enriching and memorable visit!



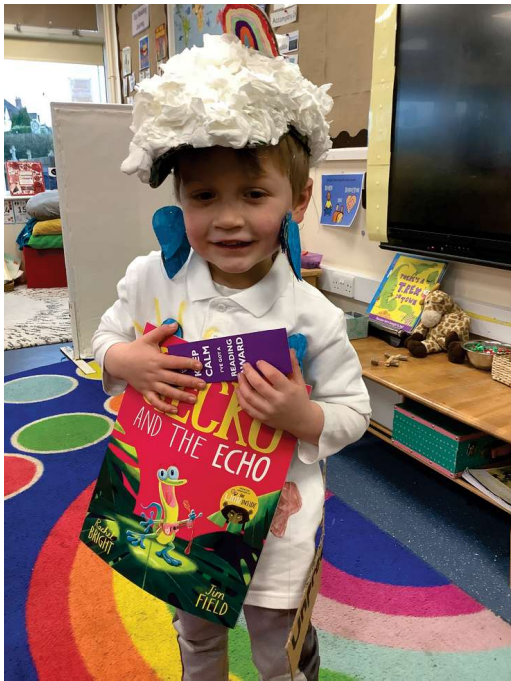
World Book Day

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day, with children coming to school dressed as a word—and what a creative and imaginative effort it was! It was wonderful to see such a wide range of ideas brought to life, with children proudly sharing and explaining their chosen words. The day began with a whole school assembly, launching our celebrations alongside the National Year of Reading and our Readathon. Throughout the day, each class explored our focus book, *The Library Mouse*, taking part in a range of creative activities inspired by the story. Children also enjoyed opportunities to visit the library, share favourite books, and take part in reading-focused activities.

To end the day, we came together for a special shared reading time, where children chose a story to listen to and enjoyed being read to.

Alongside our recent visit from Catherine Barr, the day helped to inspire our pupils to see themselves as writers, storytellers, and future authors.

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your support and creativity—you truly helped make the day so special for the children.



Reception Visit to Library

Our Reception children enjoyed a lovely visit to the library, where they explored a wide range of books and stories.

The children listened carefully, showed great curiosity, and were excited to look through different books, discovering new characters and adventures. It was a wonderful opportunity to develop their love of reading and learn how a library works.

Well done, Reception, for representing our school so beautifully



Year 4 Visit to Library

Our Year 4 pupils also enjoyed a visit to the local library. The children showed great enthusiasm as they browsed different genres, discovered new authors, and spent time reading. It was a wonderful way to encourage a love of reading and independence in choosing books.

The visit also helped children understand how they can use the library in their own time, supporting their reading at home.

Well done, Year 4, for representing our school so positively!



Attendance

Good attendance is essential for children to make the most of their learning.

Every day in school really does make a difference.

We know that this time of year can bring coughs and colds, but if your child is well enough, please do send them into school. Being in school helps maintain routines, friendships, and confidence.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve our attendance target of 95%.

Year Group	Present R/C: Marks (%)
Year Y1	99%
Year Y2	97.70%
Year Y3	95.50%
Year Y4	91.80%
Year Y5	94.70%
Year Y6	93.40%
Year YR	94.30%